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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER PALMA CARLOS

1. WHEN YOU CALL ON PRIME MINISTER PALMA CARLOS MAY 22 TO DELIVER THE LETTER OF CONGRATULATIONS FROM PRESIDENT NIXON, YOU SHOULD AT THE SAME TIME MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS ORALLY:

A. WE HOPE THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE USG AND THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL WILL BE CLOSE, CORDIAL AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL.

B. THE USG VALUES THE CONTRIBUTION PORTUGAL HAS MADE TO NATO AND NOTES WITH APPRECIATION THE INTENTION OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT TO CONTINUE ITS ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE ALLIANCE.

C. HAVING ALWAYS ADVOCATED THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF-CONFIDENTIAL

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DETERMINATION, THE USG WELCOMES THE ACCEPTANCE OF THIS

PRINCIPLE BY THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE
PORTUGUESE POSSESSIONS IN AFRICA. WE SHALL FOLLOW WITH
INTEREST THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT'S
POLICIES IN THESE AREAS.

D. YOU WILL HOPE TO HAVE FREQUENT CONTACT WITH FOREIGN

MINISTER SOARES WITH RESPECT TO ALL ASPECTS OF US-
PORTUGUESE RELATIONS.

2. THE DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING AN IMMEDIATE
REPORT OF THE OUTCOME OF YOUR MEETING. RUSH

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